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1. GENERAL

This bulletin, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947-50, for the month of April, 1950, and the ten months ended April, 1950. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit.

Special Benefit is paid in cases of hardship where the claimant is not qualified for either of the other benefits. The number of new Australians receiving special benefits has now been excluded from the tables in this bulletin; the amount of such benefits paid, however, is included in Table I.

The number of "persons on benefit" relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are excluded.

Admittances and exits in Sections 3, 5 (pars. ii, iii, & iv) and 6 refer to those notified during the period shown and not to those which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. ALL BENEFITS - SUMMARY.

(i) Benefits Paid : Benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State in April, 1950 and the ten months ended April, 1950 are shown in the following table.

I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING APRIL, 1950, AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1950 - STATES.  
(£.)

State	Benefits paid during April, 1950				Benefits paid during the ten months ended April, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special (a)	Total
N.S.W.(b)	829	22,802	10,313	33,944	1,063,999	252,301	150,793	1,467,093
Victoria	212	12,294	7,422	19,928	5,422	178,479	118,777	302,678
Queensland	10,970	9,194	939	21,103	128,333	92,707	8,851	229,891
S.Aust.(c)	14	5,877	418	6,309	33,067	69,087	14,102	116,256
W.Aust.	476	4,089	10,100	14,665	17,392	48,376	61,129	126,897
Tasmania	96	2,662	245	3,003	1,791	31,463	3,585	36,839
TOTAL :	12,597	56,918	29,437	98,952	1,250,004	672,413	357,237	2,279,654

(a) Includes amounts paid to new Australians. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Claims Admitted and Benefits Discontinued : The following table shows, for each State, the number of persons admitted to each class of benefit and the number whose benefits were discontinued during the ten months ended April, 1950.

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED AND BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1950 - STATES.

State	Persons							
	Claims Admitted - ten months ended April, 1950				Benefits discontinued - ten months ended April, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W.(a)	127,229	19,338	2,252	148,819	127,106	19,275	2,223	148,604
Victoria	852	12,150	604	13,606	757	11,789	528	13,074
Queensland	19,341	8,165	569	28,075	18,463	8,117	513	27,093
S.Aust.(b)	6,503	5,301	397	12,201	6,495	5,216	384	12,095
W.Aust.	5,874	4,546	184	10,604	5,865	4,595	186	10,646
Tasmania	127	2,418	103	2,648	135	2,427	105	2,667
TOTAL :	159,926	51,918	4,109	215,953	158,821	51,419	3,939	214,179

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

2. (iii) Claims Admitted, Discontinuances and Persons on Benefit : The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1948-49 and for the months April, 1949 to April, 1950 the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

III. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT  
AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons

CLAIMS ADMITTED.

Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	1,527	650	82,749	17,576	100,325
1948-49	11,459	667	53,662	15,202	1,631	785	66,752	16,651	83,406
1949 April	1,020	63	4,598	1,297	120	57	5,738	1,417	7,155
May	513	40	4,086	1,165	129	66	4,728	1,271	5,999
June	500	61	4,062	1,094	125	50	4,687	1,205	5,892
July	112,746	28,415	5,351	1,505	1,783	357	119,880	30,277	150,157
Aug.	10,206	1,595	4,046	1,228	274	84	14,526	2,907	17,433
Sept.	651	92	4,185	1,287	159	73	4,995	1,452	6,447
Oct.	525	105	5,189	1,726	198	85	5,912	1,916	7,828
Nov.	420	64	3,332	1,214	121	82	4,373	1,360	5,733
Dec.	611	75	3,328	974	114	47	4,053	1,096	5,149
1950 Jan.	1,556	67	4,369	1,278	189	83	6,114	1,428	7,542
Feb. (a)	996	65	3,633	1,083	136	66	4,765	1,214	5,979
Mar. (a)	859	79	3,335	1,015	116	47	4,310	1,147	5,451
Apr. (a)	711	88	2,632	708	74	21	3,417	817	4,234

DISCONTINUANCES.

Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	1,503	497	86,826	17,235	104,061
1948-49	12,143	670	51,933	14,871	1,531	614	65,607	16,155	81,762
1949 April	1,570	57	4,731	1,373	118	38	6,419	1,468	7,887
May	1,236	42	3,619	1,074	120	30	4,975	1,146	6,121
June	568	38	3,374	982	103	43	4,045	1,063	5,108
July	30,600	10,210	5,542	1,608	491	167	36,633	11,985	48,618
Aug.	88,740	19,115	3,904	1,107	1,413	196	94,057	20,418	114,475
Sept.	3,918	629	3,946	1,120	216	69	8,080	1,818	9,898
Oct.	835	160	4,885	1,473	192	52	5,912	1,685	7,597
Nov.	448	75	3,754	1,220	134	51	4,336	1,346	5,682
Dec.	352	72	3,287	990	127	56	3,766	1,118	4,884
1950 Jan.	1,221	100	4,410	1,335	149	95	5,780	1,530	7,310
Feb. (a)	793	52	3,556	1,005	129	58	4,478	1,115	5,593
Mar. (a)	692	50	3,295	1,044	131	62	4,118	1,156	5,274
Apr. (a)	685	74	3,097	841	101	50	3,883	965	4,848

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.

1946 - June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 - June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
1948 - June	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	215	418	9,359	3,052	12,411
1949 - April	1,825	96	8,000	2,642	284	546	10,109	3,284	13,393
May	1,102	94	8,467	2,733	293	582	9,862	3,409	13,271
June	1,034	117	9,155	2,845	315	589	10,504	3,551	14,055
July	83,180	18,322	8,964	2,742	1,607	779	93,751	21,843	115,594
Aug.	4,646	802	9,106	2,863	468	667	14,220	4,332	18,552
Sept.	1,379	265	9,345	3,030	411	671	11,135	3,966	15,101
Oct.	1,069	210	9,649	3,283	417	704	11,135	4,197	15,332
Nov.	1,041	199	9,727	3,277	404	735	11,172	4,211	15,383
Dec.	1,300	202	9,768	3,261	391	726	11,459	4,189	15,648
1950 - Jan.	1,635	169	9,727	3,204	431	714	11,793	4,087	15,880
Feb. (a)	1,838	182	9,804	3,282	438	722	12,080	4,186	16,266
Mar. (a)	2,005	211	9,844	3,253	423	707	12,272	4,171	16,443
Apr. (a)	2,031	225	9,379	3,120	396	678	11,806	4,023	15,829

(a) Subject to revision.



3. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

(i) Duration : The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during April, 1950, and the ten months ended April, 1950, is shown in the following table:-

IV. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING APRIL, 1950 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	P e r s o n s							
	April, 1950				Ten months ended April, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	136	305	11	452	11,975	2,947	176	15,098
1 and under 2	231	675	22	928	19,525	6,545	346	26,416
2 " " 3	94	741	23	858	15,750	6,440	413	22,603
3 " " 4	92	686	30	808	18,167	5,919	425	24,511
4 " " 5	84	526	20	630	18,674	4,495	404	23,573
5 " " 9	200	1,450	44	1,694	72,136	11,413	1,385	84,934
9 " " 13	113	691	36	840	1,691	5,403	245	7,339
13 " " 27	67	748	48	863	714	5,951	341	7,006
27 and over	17	315	34	366	189	2,306	204	2,699
TOTAL :	1,034	6,137	268	7,439	158,821	51,419	3,939	214,179

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during April, 1950, and the ten months ended April, 1950 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

V. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING APRIL, 1950 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1950 : PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.  
(Per Cent.)

Duration of Benefits	April, 1950				Ten months ended April, 1950			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	1.64	5.13	12.69	4.92	0.12	4.49	5.18	1.26
13 " "	8.12	17.32	30.60	16.52	0.57	16.06	13.84	4.53
9 " "	19.05	28.58	44.03	27.81	1.63	26.57	20.06	7.96
5 " "	38.39	52.21	60.45	50.58	47.05	48.76	55.22	47.61
4 " "	46.52	60.78	67.91	59.05	58.81	57.50	65.47	58.62
3 " "	55.42	71.96	79.10	69.91	70.25	69.01	76.26	70.06
2 " "	64.51	84.03	87.68	81.45	80.17	81.54	86.75	80.62
1 " "	86.85	95.03	95.90	93.92	92.46	94.27	95.53	92.95
Less than 1	13.15	4.97	4.10	6.08	7.54	5.73	4.47	7.05

(ii) Reasons for Cessation : The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during April, 1950, and the ten months ended April, 1950 are shown below:-

VI. REASONS FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING APRIL, 1950 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

Reasons for Cessation	April, 1950				Ten months ended April, 1950			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	595	57.54	3,904	63.61	129,388	81.47	30,320	58.98
Incapacity terminated	-	-	1,657	27.00	-	-	15,418	29.97
Failure to report (a)	364	35.21	41	0.67	27,700	17.45	482	0.94
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	23	2.23	46	0.75	872	0.55	670	1.30
Statutory Age Limit (b)	1	0.09	12	0.20	48	0.03	124	0.24
Permanent incapacity (c)	12	1.16	213	3.47	117	0.07	2,014	3.92
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	-	-	6	0.10	9	-	57	0.11
Death	-	-	101	1.65	31	0.02	852	1.66
Transfer to another district	17	1.64	69	1.12	332	0.21	681	1.32
Other	22	2.13	88	1.43	324	0.20	801	1.56
TOTAL :	1,034	100.00	6,137	100.00	158,821	100.00	51,419	100.00

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

4. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH APRIL, 1950.

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment : The proportion of persons on benefit at 29th April, 1950 to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 58 per 10,000 comprising 8 unemployment, 46 sickness and 4 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

VII. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH APRIL, 1950.  
PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	Number on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 males	10	47	2	59
Females	Per 10,000 females	3	42	9	54
Persons	Per 10,000 persons	8	46	4	58

(ii) State Totals : The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 29th April, 1950.

VIII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH APRIL, 1950 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
N.S.W. (a)	330	76	3,429	1,165	126	208	3,885	1,449	5,334
Victoria	114	32	2,768	1,037	123	210	3,005	1,279	4,284
Queensland	1,439	87	1,329	391	79	119	2,847	597	3,444
S. Aust.(b)	34	4	827	272	32	32	893	308	1,201
W.Australia	96	20	670	169	25	49	791	238	1,029
Tasmania	18	6	356	86	11	60	385	152	537
TOTAL :	2,031	225	9,379	3,120	396	678	11,806	4,023	15,829

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages : Distribution of persons on benefit at 29th April, 1950 according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

IX. AGE OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH APRIL, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

Age Group (as at 31st Dec., 1949)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
16 - 19 Years	95	67	667	724	28	40	790	831	1,621
20 - 24 "	240	62	1,131	691	4	40	1,375	793	2,168
25 - 29 "	209	24	910	340	5	53	1,124	417	1,541
30 - 34 "	192	16	858	249	6	42	1,056	307	1,363
35 - 39 "	182	12	842	206	14	75	1,038	293	1,331
40 - 44 "	191	21	844	222	1	96	1,036	339	1,375
45 - 49 "	227	9	1,014	299	8	143	1,249	451	1,700
50 - 54 "	209	7	933	237	6	74	1,148	318	1,466
55 - 59 "	226	7	1,048	142	10	74	1,284	223	1,507
60 years and over	260	-	1,132	10	314	41	1,706	51	1,757
TOTAL :	2,031	225	9,379	3,120	396	678	11,806	4,023	15,829

5. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.

(i) Claims Admitted, Discontinuances and Persons on Benefit : The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1948-49 and for the months April, 1949 to April, 1950, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit in each State.

X. UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT STATES.

Period	Persons						Australia		
	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Q'd.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Males	Females	Persons
<u>CLAIMS ADMITTED.</u>									
Year 1945-46	48,789	2,695	10,954	10,956	4,037	313	65,455	12,289	77,744
1946-47	12,704	16,187	35,922	1,380	11,981	404	73,379	5,199	78,578
1947-48	3,516	1,029	21,227	234	2,471	185	27,275	1,387	28,662
1948-49	2,257	288	8,455	124	884	118	11,459	667	12,126
1949 April	153	17	820	22	62	9	1,020	63	1,083
May	86	16	401	4	40	6	513	40	553
June	105	28	322	25	64	17	500	61	561
July	116,343	198	13,416	5,864	5,310	30	112,746	28,415	141,161
August	9,565	232	1,363	503	113	25	10,206	1,595	11,801
Sept.	324	74	237	20	70	18	651	92	743
Oct.	167	55	298	19	79	12	525	105	630
Nov.	121	31	274	8	42	8	420	64	484
Dec.	172	36	420	12	42	4	611	75	686
1950 Jan.	200	121	1,156	59	76	11	1,556	67	1,623
Feb. (c)	109	22	862	8	49	11	996	65	1,061
Mar. (c)	97	18	773	4	42	4	859	79	938
Apr. (c)	131	65	542	6	51	4	711	88	799

DISCONTINUANCES.

Year 1945-46	47,491	2,116	7,643	10,630	2,761	230	58,879	11,992	70,871
1946-47	12,602	16,099	36,002	1,601	12,496	443	73,974	5,269	79,243
1947-48	4,577	1,630	23,285	319	3,020	201	31,538	1,494	33,032
1948-49	2,313	303	8,980	114	989	114	12,143	670	12,813
1949 April	153	12	1,370	13	74	5	1,570	57	1,627
May	95	9	1,123	10	36	5	1,236	42	1,278
June	44	10	483	7	48	14	568	38	606
July	24,540	86	7,406	3,698	5,059	21	30,600	10,210	40,810
August	97,842	221	7,168	2,366	229	29	88,740	19,115	107,855
Sept.	3,405	123	575	313	113	18	3,918	629	4,547
Oct.	453	82	330	18	97	15	835	160	995
Nov.	157	44	247	8	53	14	448	75	523
Dec.	147	30	188	9	44	6	352	72	424
1950 Jan.	224	111	755	65	152	14	1,221	100	1,321
Feb. (c)	129	10	648	9	44	5	793	52	845
Mar. (c)	104	20	563	4	43	8	692	50	742
Apr. (c)	105	30	583	5	31	5	685	74	759

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.

1946 - June	1,298	579	3,311	326	1,276	83	6,576	297	6,873
1947 - June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 - June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 - April	231	26	1,531	18	87	28	1,825	96	1,921
May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
June	283	51	648	30	107	32	1,034	117	1,151
July	92,086	163	6,658	2,196	358	41	83,180	18,322	101,502
Aug.	3,809	174	853	333	242	37	4,646	802	5,448
Sept.	728	125	515	40	199	37	1,379	265	1,644
Oct.	442	98	483	41	181	34	1,069	210	1,279
Nov.	406	85	510	41	170	28	1,041	199	1,240
Dec.	431	91	742	44	168	26	1,300	202	1,502
1950 Jan.	407	101	1,143	38	92	23	1,635	169	1,804
Feb. (c)	387	113	1,357	37	97	29	1,838	182	2,020
Mar. (c)	380	111	1,567	37	96	25	2,005	211	2,216
Apr. (c)	406	146	1,526	38	116	24	2,031	225	2,256

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.  
(c) Subject to revision.



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(ii) Cause of Unemployment : The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during April, 1950 and the ten months ended April, 1950, and by those who were on benefit at 29th April, 1950.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which are made by initiative of the employee.

XI. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING APRIL, 1950 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	April, 1950		Ten months ended April, 1950		29th April, 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Discharged or laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons ..	7	1	104	3	11	1
Inefficiency, incl. medical unfitness	18	6	393	74	42	18
Power rationing ..	4	3	118,560	29,407	110	28
Shortage of materials ..	35	-	1,688	172	81	5
Strikes and lockouts ..	-	-	53	1	4	-
Seasonal Work ..	133	2	1,946	23	749	5
Casual Work ..	130	24	1,640	123	260	29
Other, including inadequately defined	268	31	2,094	326	398	40
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	87	14	1,298	289	209	56
Other, including inadequately defined	100	19	1,028	183	143	32
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	9	-	393	17	12	-
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work ..	-	-	36	1	1	1
Other ..	8	1	48	26	11	10
TOTAL :	799	101	129,281	30,645	2,031	225

(iii) Industrial Classification of - (a) Claims Admitted and Persons on Benefit : The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during April, 1950 and the ten months ended April, 1950, and of those on benefit at 29th April, 1950.

XII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING APRIL, 1950 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1950 - AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	April, 1950		Ten months ended April, 1950		29th April, 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	161	1	2,058	17	562	1
Other Primary Production ..	16	-	430	2	30	-
Coal Mining ..	2	-	201	-	9	-
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	5	-	985	5	17	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding) ..	35	3	50,505	3,896	118	2
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	8	-	6,647	198	18	-
Textiles and articles of dress ..	13	11	9,133	15,409	35	20
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	100	7	6,563	2,348	398	20
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	57	1	7,314	412	91	2
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	36	3	21,286	3,218	67	8
Building and Construction ..	174	2	10,576	30	315	7
Transport and Communication ..	39	3	4,661	99	89	6
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	51	15	3,280	1,369	96	29
Finance and Property ..	10	-	151	19	10	-
Public Administration and Professional	35	8	760	242	62	16
Personal and Domestic Service ..	42	43	3,447	3,167	89	101
Other ..	15	4	1,284	214	25	13
TOTAL :	799	101	129,281	30,645	2,031	225



(b) Males on Benefit : Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 29th April, 1950 in the main industrial groups is shown in the following table:-

XIII. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 29TH APRIL, 1950.  
STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	41	7	502	2	8	2	562
Other Primary Production ..	6	1	21	-	2	-	30
Coal Mining ..	6	-	2	-	-	1	9
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	3	-	10	1	3	-	17
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding)	66	8	32	4	7	1	118
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	3	3	8	2	1	1	18
Textiles and articles of dress	10	3	18	-	4	-	35
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	12	6	372	-	4	4	398
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	13	2	71	2	2	1	91
Other Factories, including Heat, Light and Power ..	18	12	27	4	6	-	67
Building and Construction ..	69	40	184	7	14	1	315
Transport and Communication ..	17	9	52	6	3	2	89
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	26	1	54	2	12	1	96
Finance and Property ..	1	2	4	-	3	-	10
Public Administration and Professional	15	1	33	2	9	2	62
Personal and Domestic Service ..	18	17	34	2	17	1	89
Other ..	6	2	15	-	1	1	25
TOTAL :	330	114	1,439	34	96	18	2,031

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other : Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the ten months ended April, 1950, and the persons on benefit at 29th April, 1950 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (Based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XIV. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims Admitted during the ten months ended April, 1950				On Benefit at 29th April, 1950			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
New South Wales (b)	71,090	16,783	32,316	7,040	104	13	226	63
Victoria	183	30	509	130	29	7	85	25
Queensland	9,479	4,039	4,910	913	110	36	1,329	51
South Australia (c)	5,406	970	121	6	28	4	6	-
Western Australia	4,886	698	265	25	85	18	11	2
Tasmania	56	5	60	6	14	4	4	2
TOTAL :	91,100	22,525	38,181	8,120	370	82	1,661	143

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

6. SICKNESS BENEFIT.

(i) Nature of Sickness : The following table shows the principal cause of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during April, 1950, and the ten months ended April, 1950, and of those on benefit at 29th April, 1950.

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC., DURING APRIL, 1950 AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1950 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	April, 1950		Ten months ended April, 1950		29th April, 1950	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	186	56	2,561	856	616	261
Cancer ..	37	5	263	41	97	21
Other Tumours ..	26	22	392	247	95	57
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	195	80	2,191	757	551	257
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	16	21	171	167	46	53
Nervous System and Sense Organs	326	144	3,620	1,486	984	430
Circulatory System ..	316	49	3,584	591	1,030	194
Respiratory System ..	362	61	4,161	928	839	218
Digestive System ..	770	194	9,017	2,372	1,665	429
Genito-urinary System	146	115	1,565	1,230	379	291
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	-	103	-	1,218	-	354
Skin and Cellular Tissues	164	33	1,802	422	374	93
Bones and Organs of Movement	85	31	1,054	369	247	96
Other Diseases (Including Ill-defined conditions) ..	72	33	774	311	169	88
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures ..	477	36	4,471	490	1,441	155
Other Injuries, etc. ..	393	37	3,906	444	745	95
Surgical Amputations ..	7	4	140	13	48	5
Other (including not stated)	26	3	228	76	53	23
TOTAL :	3,604	1,027	39,900	12,018	9,379	3,120

(ii) Industrial Classification of Persons on Benefit : The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 29th April, 1950, is shown in the following table:-

XVI. SICKNESS : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 29TH APRIL, 1950. AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying ..	730	21	751
Other Primary Production ..	172	-	172
Coal Mining ..	196	-	196
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	129	4	133
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, Engineering and Metal-working (Including Shipbuilding) ..	1,279	138	1,417
Vehicles, including Aircraft ..	425	17	442
Textiles and articles of dress ..	342	547	889
Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	627	166	793
Furniture, Woodwork, etc. ..	411	11	422
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	920	196	1,116
Building and Construction ..	1,620	8	1,628
Transport and Communication ..	846	97	943
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and Retail Trade ..	858	490	1,348
Finance and Property ..	53	49	102
Public Administration and Professional	293	545	838
Personal and Domestic Service ..	454	827	1,281
Other ..	24	4	28
TOTAL :	9,379	3,120	12,499

(iii) Distribution of Beneficiaries, Metropolitan and Other : Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the ten months ended April, 1950 and those current at 29th April, 1950, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XVII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the ten months ended April, 1950				On Benefit at 29th April, 1950			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	8,858	3,435	5,712	1,333	1,939	812	1,490	353
Victoria	6,120	2,400	2,884	746	2,096	873	672	164
Queensland	3,163	1,035	3,331	636	697	225	632	166
South Australia (c)	3,597	984	622	98	664	241	163	31
Western Australia	2,484	719	1,151	192	469	135	201	34
Tasmania	994	218	984	222	130	40	226	46
TOTAL :	25,216	8,791	14,684	3,227	5,995	2,326	3,384	794

(a) See footnote (a) to Table XIV. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.  
(c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the ten months ended April, 1950, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVIII. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1950.  
STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Re-jects to total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W. (a)	135,976	8,747	21,937	2,599	2,488	236	160,401	11,582	7.22
Vic.	1,355	503	14,443	2,293	907	303	16,705	3,099	18.55
Q'ld.	25,651	6,310	9,622	1,457	816	247	36,089	8,014	22.21
S.A. (b)	12,475	5,972	6,119	818	470	73	19,064	6,863	36.00
W.A.	7,760	1,886	5,448	902	258	74	13,466	2,862	21.25
Tas.	190	63	2,712	294	146	43	3,048	400	13.12
TOTAL :	183,407	23,481	60,281	8,363	5,085	976	248,773	32,820	13.19

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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